


NORTH CENTRAL REGION

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MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES

- The Major Municipality that gained the most population according to Statistics Canada census data from 2001 – 2006 (5 Years), in percentage, for the North Central Region was Athabasca with an increase of 6.6% (160 residents). The Major Municipality that gained the most residents from 2001 - 2006 in the North Central Region was West with an increase of 189 residents (3.9%).

Please note: Shadow populations are not counted in the census. The province of Alberta has recently experienced an influx of shadow population or seasonal workers due to the economic boom. This has been brought to the attention of Statistics Canada and any revisions will be released in the fall of 2008.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Major Municipalities * | Status | 2006 Population | 2001 Population | 1996 Population |
| Athabasca No. 12, County of | Municipal District | 7,587 | 7,521 | 7,415 |
| Westlock County | Municipal District | 6,966 | 6,880 | 6,958 |
| Barrhead No. 11, County of | Municipal District | 5,845 | 5,768 | 5,870 |
| Westlock | Town | 5,008 | 4,819 | 4,817 |
| Barrhead | Town | 4,209 | 4,213 | 4,239 |
| Thorhild No. 7, County of | Municipal District | 3,042 | 3,120 | 3,077 |
| Athabasca | Town | 2,575 | 2,415 | 2,313 |
| Swan Hills | Town | 1,645 | 1,807 | 2,030 |
| Boyle | Village | 844 | 840 | 802 |
| Clyde | Village | 470 | 491 | 410 |

Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006

* Top ten cities/towns and municipalities in region, based on population from census years.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Major Municipalities | 2001 - 2006 (5 Years) | | 1996 - 2006 (10 Years) | |
| | % Change | Net Change | % Change | Net Change |
| Athabasca No. 12, County of | 0.9% | 66 | 2.3% | 172 |
| Westlock County | 1.3% | 86 | 0.1% | 8 |
| Barrhead No. 11, County of | 1.3% | 77 | -0.4% | (25) |
| Westlock | 3.9% | 189 | 4.0% | 191 |
| Barrhead | -0.1% | (4) | -0.7% | (30) |
| Thorhild No. 7, County of | -2.5% | (78) | -1.1% | (35) |
| Athabasca | 6.6% | 160 | 11.3% | 262 |
| Swan Hills | -9.0% | (162) | -19.0% | (385) |
| Boyle | 0.5% | 4 | 5.2% | 42 |
| Clyde | -4.3% | (21) | 14.6% | 60 |

Source: Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry

DEMOGRAPHICS

- According to Statistics Canada census data, the North Central Region's population had a percentage increase of 2.0% from 2001 -2006 (5 years) which works out to an increase of 771 residents.
- According to Statistics Canada census data, in 2006, the North Central Region's population accounted for 1.2% of the provinces' population.

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| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | |
|--|---------------|
| Land Area | North Central |
| Square Kilometers | 13,780.0 |
| % of Provincial Total | 2.2% |
| Total Population | North Central |
| Population (000s), 2006 Census | 39,836 |
| % of Provincial Total | 1.2% |
| Population (000s), 2001 Census | 39,065 |
| % of Provincial Total | 1.3% |
| Population (000s), 1996 Census | 39,078 |
| % of Provincial Total | 1.4% |
| Population Growth (%), 2001 - 2006 | 2.0% |
| Population Growth (%), 1996 - 2006 | 1.9% |
| Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006 | |

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | |
|--|------|------|------|
| Population Components | 2006 | 2001 | 1996 |
| Age Group: 65+ (%) | 16.2 | 15.4 | 14.2 |
| Age Group: 0 - 14 (%) | 19.5 | 20.8 | 23.1 |
| Dependency Ratio ¹ | 55.5 | 57.1 | 59.3 |
| Old Age Dependency Ratio ² | 25.2 | 24.3 | 22.6 |
| Males, Ages 0 -14 (%) | 20.2 | 21.5 | 23.5 |
| Females, Ages 0 - 14 (%) | 18.8 | 20.3 | 22.6 |
| Males, Ages 15 - 64 (%) | 64.5 | 63.8 | 63.1 |
| Females, Ages 15 - 64 (%) | 64.2 | 63.5 | 62.2 |
| Males, Ages 65+ (%) | 15.5 | 14.7 | 13.4 |
| Females, Ages 65+ (%) | 17.0 | 16.2 | 15.3 |
| Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006 | | | |

IMMIGRATION – PERMANENT RESIDENTS

- According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2006, 37 immigrants selected a location in the North Central Region geography as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application form.

Please note: This figure does not include temporary foreign workers, students or temporary residents. Also, those that selected a certain province as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application are not required to move to the province indicated. This means that there could potentially be data missing due to immigrants indicating once province as their destination and then actually moving to another.

- The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for the North Central Region was -6.1%. The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for Alberta was 4.0%.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | |
|---|----------------------|
| Immigrants (Permanent Residents) ³ | North Central Region |
| As of December 31, 1996 | 74 |
| % of Province | 0.5% |
| As of December 31, 1997 | 38 |
| % of Province | 0.3% |
| As of December 31, 1998 | 32 |
| % of Province | 0.3% |
| As of December 31, 1999 | 24 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2000 | 29 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2001 | 37 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2002 | 27 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2003 | 27 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2004 | 42 |
| % of Province | 0.3% |
| As of December 31, 2005 | 31 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 37 |
| % of Province | 0.2% |
| Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 years ⁴ | -6.1% |
| Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Landing File, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry | |

NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

- From December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006, the number of newly registered apprentices for the North Central Region increased by 140.9% (136 to 247).
- As of December 31, 2006, the North Central Region accounted for 1.0% of all the newly registered apprentices in Alberta (247 of 24,914).
- The annualized percentage growth for the North Central Region from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006 was 12.7%. The annualized percentage growth for the same period for the province was 12.2%.
- The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in the North Central Region are: Welder (57), Heavy Equipment Technician (34) and Carpenter (22). The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in Alberta are: Welder (4,423), Electrician (3,051) and Heavy Equipment Technician (2,191).

Please note: These figures are based on employer location and only account for first year apprentices. This is not the running total of all apprentices currently enrolled in all trade programs from year one up to their certificate. Several apprentice programs take several years to complete with both on-the-job and classroom training.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | |
|---|---------------|
| Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades ⁵ | North Central |
| As of December 31, 2001 | 136 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 1.0% |
| As of December 31, 2002 | 152 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 1.2% |
| As of December 31, 2003 | 146 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 1.2% |
| As of December 31, 2004 | 140 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 1.1% |
| As of December 31, 2005 | 165 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 0.9% |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 247 |
| Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices | 1.0% |
| Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 - 2006, 5 years ⁶ | 12.7% |
| Source: Alberta Advanced Education, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry | |

LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the North Central Region employment rate for the working population of 15+ was 61.0% with a participation rate of 63.4%.
- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the North Central Region employment rate for the age group 15 -24 years old was 63.4% with a participation rate of 68.3%.
- In 2006, Alberta had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada at 3.4% - well below the national average of 6.3%. Between 2005 and 2006, the number of people employed in Alberta grew by 4.8% or by 86,300. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of people employed grew by 465,600. – *Statistics Canada, Historical Labour Force Review*
- In 2006, Alberta made up 10.1% of Canada's working age population (15+ years), the province created more than a quarter or 27.4% of all new jobs in Canada. Alberta created the second highest number of job in the country following Ontario, which had three times the working age population of Alberta, or 39.1%. – *Annual Alberta Labour Market Review*

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Annual Labour Force Characteristics ⁷ | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Population: 15+ (000s) | 29.5 | 24.6 | 27.7 | 33.9 | 36.5 | 34.1 |
| Labour Force: 15+ (000s) | 18.7 | 16.6 | 17.3 | 21.6 | 22.1 | 22.5 |
| Employment: 15+ (000s) | 18.0 | 16.1 | 16.6 | 20.7 | 20.8 | 21.5 |
| Unemployment: 15+ (000s) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Participation Rate: 15+ (%) | 63.4 | 67.5 | 62.5 | 63.7 | 60.5 | 66.0 |
| Unemployment Rate: 15+ (%) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Employment Rate: 15+ (%) | 61.0 | 65.4 | 59.9 | 61.1 | 57.0 | 63.0 |
| Participation Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%) | 68.3 | 67.6 | 72.1 | 65.1 | 64.2 | 73.5 |
| Unemployment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 66.0 | N/A |
| Employment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%) | 63.4 | 64.9 | 69.8 | 60.3 | 56.6 | 67.3 |
| Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey - Note: N/A=data suppressed, insufficient sample. | | | | | | |

There is no population control for special geography and some regions have small sample size, the volatility of these estimates can lead to large year to year swings in the data so the drop or increase would come from sampling variability. Also beginning in 2005, Statistics Canada used the 2005 redesign, prior 2005 they used the 1995 redesign. Statistics Canada also used a blend of the old and new designs from November 2004 to March 2005. This was the phase in period and the two designs did overlap during that time. Statistics Canada urges the reader to notice that some regions increase in sample size.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

- In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the service-producing sector in the North Central Region employed around 64.4% of those surveyed.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Annual Employment by Industry ⁸ | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| All Industries (000s) - Total | 18.0 | 16.1 | 16.6 | 20.7 | 20.8 | 21.5 |
| Goods-Producing Sector | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.6 |
| Agriculture | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Utilities | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Construction | 1.7 | N/A | 2.1 | N/A | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Manufacturing | 2.0 | 1.7 | N/A | 1.5 | N/A | 1.9 |
| Services-Producing Sector | 11.6 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 14.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Retail Trade | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.0 | N/A |
| Transportation & Warehousing | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.5 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Business, Building & Other Support Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Educational Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 1.8 | N/A | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Information, Culture & Recreation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Accommodation & Food Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Other Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.7 |
| Public Administration | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Note: N/A= data suppressed, insufficient sample size.

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INCOME, TAXFILER

- In 2005, the average individual income for all taxfilers for the North Central Region XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the North Central Region reported individual gross income of \$100,000 and over with the average claim over \$100,000 being XXXX.

“COUPLE” INCOME

- In 2005, the average “couple income” for all taxfilers for the North Central Region was XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the North Central Region that declared themselves a “couple”, defined as married or common law, reported a combined gross income of \$100,000 and over.

INVESTMENT

- In 2006, the total building permit value for the North Central Region increased by 96.2% (roughly \$ 45.1 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the residential building permit value for the North Central Region increased by 60.3% (roughly \$ 20.8 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of single family housing starts in the North Central Region increased by 3.1% (6 units) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of total housing starts in the North Central Region increased by 81.6% (191 units) from 2005. Nearly all of the entire increase is in apartment starts.
- Between the years 2001 and 2006, there has been 916 single family housing starts in the North Central Region. During the same time the total housing starts was 1,357.

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Building Permit Values and Housing Starts (2006) | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Total Building Permit Value (\$000s) | 91,908 | 46,854 | 62,024 |
| % of Provincial Total | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.8% |
| Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) ¹⁰ | 2,307 | 1,199 | 1,587 |
| Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 2001 - 2006 | 53,472 | | |
| Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 1996 - 2006 | 40,372 | | |
| Commercial Building Permit Value (\$000s) | 26,885 | 9,101 | 7,133 |
| % of Total Building Permit Value | 29.3% | 19.4% | 11.5% |
| % of Provincial Commercial Building Permit Value | 0.7% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Industrial Building Permit Value (\$000s) | 2,499 | 1,899 | 3,785 |
| % of Total Building Permit Value | 2.7% | 4.1% | 6.1% |
| % of Provincial Industrial Building Permit Value | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.9% |
| Institutional Building Permit Value (\$000s) | 7,173 | 1,334 | 28,851 |
| % of Total Building Permit Value | 7.8% | 2.8% | 46.5% |
| % of Provincial Institutional Building Permit Value | 0.7% | 0.1% | 5.9% |
| Residential Building Permit Value (\$000s) | 55,351 | 34,520 | 22,255 |
| % of Total Building Permit Value | 60.2% | 73.7% | 35.9% |
| % of Provincial Residential Building Permit Value | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.5% |
| Single Family Housing Starts | 200 | 194 | 127 |
| Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (2001 - 2006) | 153 | | |
| Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (1996 - 2006) | 131 | | |
| Total Housing Starts | 425 | 234 | 179 |
| Average Annual Total Housing Starts (2001 - 2006) | 226 | | |
| Average Annual Total Housing Starts (1996 - 2006) | 177 | | |
| Source: Statistics Canada, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry | | | |

ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 62.5% of all business establishments with employees in the North Central Region were classified in the Services-Producing Sector which includes such industries as Retail Trade, Accommodation and Good Services, and Public Administration.
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was 2.9% (54 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was -0.9% (-17 net establishments).
- From 2005 – 2006, the goods-producing sector in the North Central Region saw a net increase of 5.7% (39 net establishments). From 2005 – 2006, the service-producing sector in the North Central Region saw a net increase of 1.3% (15 net establishments).

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Establishment with Employees ¹¹ | 2006 | 2005 | 2001 | % Change 2005 - 2006 | % Change 2001 - 2006 |
| All Industries (Total) | 1,918 | 1,864 | 1,935 | 2.9% | -0.9% |
| Goods-Producing Sector | 720 | 681 | 730 | 5.7% | -1.4% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 289 | 273 | 317 | 5.9% | -8.8% |
| Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction | 126 | 109 | 100 | 15.6% | 26.0% |
| Utilities | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Construction | 241 | 240 | 241 | 0.4% | 0.0% |
| Manufacturing | 62 | 57 | 70 | 8.8% | -11.4% |
| Services-Producing Sector | 1,198 | 1,183 | 1,205 | 1.3% | -0.6% |
| Wholesale Trade | 75 | 77 | 95 | -2.6% | -21.1% |
| Retail Trade | 195 | 203 | 205 | -3.9% | -4.9% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 161 | 155 | 166 | 3.9% | -3.0% |
| Information, Culture & Recreation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 89 | 89 | 88 | 0.0% | 1.1% |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 144 | 128 | 112 | 12.5% | 28.6% |
| Business, Building & Other Support Services | 82 | 76 | 79 | 7.9% | 3.8% |
| Educational Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 100 | 97 | 106 | 3.1% | -5.7% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 84 | 89 | 94 | -5.6% | -10.6% |
| Other Services | 203 | 202 | 198 | 0.5% | 2.5% |
| Public Administration | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry | | | | | |

SMALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES – 1 – 49 EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 96.9% of all business establishments in the North Central Region were classified as small businesses (Business that have 1 – 49 employees).
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in small business establishments for all industries in the North Central Region was 2.5% (45 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the North Central Region was -1.7% (-33 net establishments).

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Small Business Establishments ¹² (1 - 49 employees) | 2006 | 2005 | 2001 | % Change 2005 - 2006 | % Change 2001 - 2006 |
| All Industries (Total) | 1,859 | 1,814 | 1,892 | 2.5% | -1.7% |
| Goods-Producing Sector | 703 | 672 | 719 | 4.6% | -2.2% |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 289 | 273 | 316 | 5.9% | -8.5% |
| Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction | 121 | 108 | 99 | 12.0% | 22.2% |
| Utilities | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Construction | 236 | 238 | 240 | -0.8% | -1.7% |
| Manufacturing | 55 | 51 | 62 | 7.8% | -11.3% |
| Services-Producing Sector | 1,156 | 1,142 | 1,173 | 1.2% | -1.4% |
| Wholesale Trade | 75 | 77 | 93 | -2.6% | -19.4% |
| Retail Trade | 192 | 200 | 203 | -4.0% | -5.4% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 156 | 151 | 165 | 3.3% | -5.5% |
| Information, Culture & Recreation | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 84 | 86 | 87 | -2.3% | -3.4% |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 143 | 127 | 111 | 12.6% | 28.8% |
| Business, Building & Other Support Services | 77 | 73 | 78 | 5.5% | -1.3% |
| Educational Services | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 90 | 87 | 96 | 3.4% | -6.3% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 82 | 85 | 90 | -3.5% | -8.9% |
| Other Services | 201 | 199 | 197 | 1.0% | 2.0% |
| Public Administration | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry | | | | | |

INVENTORY OF MAJOR PROJECTS

- As of June 30, 2007, there were 4 projects in all industries for the North Central Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed.
- As of June 30, 2007, the total value for these 4 projects in all industries for the North Central Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed was \$76.5 million.

Please note: 2007 and 2006 can not be compared because some projects are carried over several years and there is only one cost available for the entire project

| Economic Indicators: North Central Region | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Major Construction Projects, As of June 30 ¹³ | | | | |
| Industry Sector | Projects | | Value (\$millions) | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Forestry and Related | 1 | N/A | \$40.0 | N/A |
| Infrastructure | N/A | 1 | N/A | \$5.2 |
| Institutional | 2 | 2 | \$24.6 | \$36.8 |
| Tourism/Recreation | 1 | 1 | \$11.9 | \$11.9 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 4 | \$ 76.5 | \$ 53.9 |
| Source: Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, Inventory of Major Alberta Projects | | | | |

1. This inventory lists projects in Alberta, valued at \$5 million or greater, that have recently been completed, are currently under construction, or are proposed to start construction within two years. Not all projects over this threshold are listed due to reasons of confidentiality and/or due to information not being available at time of printing.

2. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Although, where possible, this data has been verified with the project proponent / developer, users of the Inventory may wish to confirm project data with the proponent / developer.

3. The inventory does not breakdown project expenditures by any given year. The cost of the project is the value of expenditures expected over all phases of project construction, which may span over two or more years.

4. The cost of projects listed in the Inventory are estimated values only.

Economic Indicator Definitions

1 Dependency Ratio – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population below the age of 15 (Child) and over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 – 64). This is the population of children and elderly that are dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

2 Old Age Dependency Ratio – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 - 64). This is the population that is dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

3 Permanent Immigrants - Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) count of where immigrants are landing within the province of Alberta. This includes spouses, dependents, entrepreneurs, investors, self employed, refugees and family sponsorship. This does not take into account those that land in other Canadian provinces and then move to Alberta.

4 Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 Years (%) - The average annual increase in immigrants over the 10 year period.

5 Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades - The number of apprentices that are newly enrolled in a designated trade program. The apprentices must be enrolled by their original employer by December 31 of the year. Regional data is based on original employer location.

6 Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 – 2006, 5 Years (%) - The average annual increase in newly registered apprentices for the 5 year period.

7 Annual Labour Force Characteristics - Drawn from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS is the source of current, monthly, and annual estimates of total employment (including self-employment) and unemployment. Allocating existing LFS respondents to Economic Indicator Regions results in insufficient data for certain regions (i.e. Insufficient sample sizes).

LABOUR FORCE: Persons who are 15 years or over that were not institutional residents that were either employed or unemployed for the year. Labour Force = Employed + Unemployed.

PARTICIPATION RATE: Number of persons from the Labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. Participation Rate = (Labour Force / Population 15 years and over)*100.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. Unemployment Rate = (Unemployed / Labour Force)*100.

EMPLOYMENT RATE: Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. Employment Rate = (Employed / Population 15 years and over)*100.

8 Annual Employment by Industry - Based on the Labour Force Survey data. Industry and occupation codes are assigned using the respondent's job description on the questionnaire. Codes assigned are based on the classifications described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002).

9 Income (2005) – Individual Income (2005) - Gross income for individuals filing income tax in Alberta in 2005. **Couple Income (2005)** – Gross income for people that defined themselves as married or common law when filing the income tax in Alberta in 2005.

10 Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) - Total value of building permits for a region divided by its population.

11 Annual Establishments with Employees – Business establishments are presented by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry codes. Commercial industries are included as are several in the public sector (schools, universities, hospitals, government offices, churches, service clubs, etc.)

12 Small Business Establishments - Business establishment with less than 49 employees and at least one employee. This does not include individuals that are self-employed.

13 Major Projects – As of June 2007, a list of major development projects in Alberta that are valued at \$5 million or more that are planned, currently under construction or recently completed. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Updated information is added monthly, print edition is updated quarterly.

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